

## BROUGHTON BIDS FAREWELL TO DOCTOR AND POLICEMAN

There was standing room only at Broughton Village Hall for farewell presentations to Dr. Robert Parr and Mr. Peter Pearl, who are retiring after many years as village doctor and village policeman.

Mrs. Pam Dawkins welcomed the residents of Broughton and nearby villages who filled the hall and particularly mentioned how nice it was to see Broughton's Queen, Kim Everett, who had come a long way to be present. The village's new policeman and doctor were there.

Donations had come pouring in for the two guests of honour along with letters of gratitude and appreciation of the way in which they had performed their duties. Dr. Parr for 35 and P.C. Pearl for 22 years. Mrs. Dawkins said she was lucky to be able to claim to be a patient of one for 35 years and equally lucky not to have been a customer of the other! The names of all those who had donated were on the cards which went with the gifts, which were presented by Mr. Peter Boulton (Chairman of Broughton Parish Council).

Mr. Boulton said that it was a pleasure to present the gifts of video recorders, films and cheques to Mr. Pearl and Dr. Parr, who had both given the village such great service for such a very long time in a kindly, caring and friendly way. The day had been a historic one with the news of the Washington Summit, although he had not heard it actually mentioned on the six o'clock news that the Freedom of Broughton was being given that night! This would allow the two recipients to drive their sheep up and down the main street, but, more importantly, perhaps, it carried with it the assurance of a warm welcome in the future to any of the activities of the many organisations in Broughton.

Mr. Boulton also paid tribute to the two wives, Ann and Margaret, who had supported their husbands. As a reminder of their years in the village the two ladies were presented with pots of orchids by Broughton's Princess, Faye Brown. There were also framed photographs of the church and their own homes, taken by David Forder and presented by Kim Everett.

In response, Dr. Parr thanked everyone for the gifts and for the 35 years that he had been in the village. When he had first come to Broughton to consider the job of assisting old Dr. Hobbs, who was then in his 80s, he had been picked up at Horsebridge Station by Alan Stone and afterwards taken back to Andover by John Dawkins—an unforgettable pair. He had been charmed by the village and by Dr. Hobbs and would have paid him to let him work there. Subsequently in Broughton he had found all that he wanted, the people were delightful and interesting; he found a nice house and the girl he wanted to marry.

Mr. Pearl agreed that Broughton was the place to be, although Dr. Parr beat his time in the village by a long way. He felt sure that Guy Milton, Broughton's new policeman, felt part and parcel of the village already and wished him good luck for the future. He also thanked Sgt. Owen Bates and other members of Stockbridge Police for the support they had given over the years. He found he already missed the hubbub of everyday activity in a country village, where all knew each other and there was a real sense of community. He had managed to perform his duties and still retain friendships and consideration at all times and he wished to thank everyone for that. The confidence between police and public worked marvellously and was an extension of that held at national level. On behalf of his wife and his family he thanked everyone for the great presents they had received.

Mr. John Dawkins proposed a toast to the honoured guests and refreshments were served. A video was taken of the evening to be presented later to Dr. Parr and Mr. Pearl.

## Village thanks two loyal servants

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Mr Peter Boulton said that it was a great pleasure to present the gifts of video recorders, films and cheques to both men who had both given the whole village such great service for such a very long time in a kindly, caring and friendly way.

The men were granted the Freedom of Broughton. This would allow the two recipients to drive their sheep up and down the main street but more importantly, perhaps it carried with it the assurance of a warm welcome in the future to any of the activities of the many organisations in Broughton.

Mr Boulton said that behind every good man there is a good woman and in this instance not only had Ann and Margaret supported their husbands but had managed to bring up their children in the same village.

The two ladies were presented with pots of orchids by Broughton's princess, Faye Brown and they and their husbands each received a framed photograph of the Church and their own houses taken by David Forder and

presented by Kim Everett, the village queen.

Dr Parr thanked everyone for the presents and for the 35 years that they had been there.

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Mr Pearl agreed that Broughton was the place to be. He felt sure that Guy Milton, Broughton's new policeman felt part and parcel of the village already and wished him good luck for the future.

He also thanked Sergeant Owen Bates and the other members of Stockbridge police for their support. He found he already missed the hubbub of everyday activity in a country village where we all know each other and there is a real sense of community.

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